A delegation, led by the Chief Minister of Goa, met the Prime Minister of India on 7.1.2009 and submitted a memorandum to take immediate action to stop Karnataka from proceeding with construction of Disputed Projects for diversion of water from water deficient Mandovi (Mahadayi) basin to water surplus Malaprabha basin and constitute the tribunal immediately as per the request of Goa dated 09.07.2002.

Meanwhile, the Government of Goa filed a suit in the Supreme Court for setting up of Water Disputes Tribunal for adjudication of the above river water dispute and an Interlocutory Application (IA) for stay in construction activities by Karnataka in September 2006. The court in the hearing dated 30.4.2008 ordered that as per the statement made by the State of Karnataka in its counter affidavit filed on 27th September, 2006, the State of Karnataka will not actually utilize the waters or divert the waters under the Kalasa Bhanduri project till next date of hearing.

Interlinking of 30 rivers

†853.SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Water Development Agency has sanctioned the projects of interlinking of 30 rivers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time when this sanction was given;

(c) whether the construction works on these sanctioned projects has started; and

(d) if so, the river projects on which construction works have started and the total amount spent on these projects till December, 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs) under National Perspective Plan (NPP). The names of these links are given in the Statement (*See* below). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and of 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have been completed. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one priority link namely Ken - Betwa has also been completed . Further, NWDA has taken up the DPRs of another two priority links namely Par - Tapi - Narmada & Damanganga - Pinjal which are planned to be completed by December, 2011.

At present, no interlinking project under NPP is under implementation. Their implementation depends upon the consensus and cooperation of the concerned states and agreement with the neighboring countries.

NWDA has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 244.84 crore upto December, 2008 for preparation of Pre-Feasibility Reports (PFRs)/FRs/DPRs of river link proposals under NPP, preparation of PFRs/FRs of intra State links and other studies in this regard.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of name of water transfer links indetified under national perspective plan

Peninsular Rivers Development Component

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link
2. Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link*
3. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link
4. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link
5. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link
6. Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar link
7. Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link
8. Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link
9. Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link
10. Parbati - Kalisindh - Chambal link*
11. Damanganga - Pinjal link*
12. Par - Tapi - Narmada link*
13. Ken - Betwa link*
14. Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link*
15. Netravati - Hemavati Link
16. Bedti - Varda link

Himalayan Rivers Development Component

1. Kosi-Mechi link
2. Kosi-Ghaghra link
3. Gandak-Ganga link
4. Ghaghra-Yamuna link
5. Sarda-Yamuna link
6. Yamuna-Rajasthan link
7. Rajasthan-Sabarmati link
8. Chunar-Sone Barrage link
9. Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link
10. Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (M-S-T-G) link
11. Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka (Alternate to M-S-T-G) link
12. Farakka-Sunderbans link
13. Ganga-Damodar- Subernarekha link
14. Subernarekha-Mahanadi link

* Priority links